

BOLD NEW FUTURE FOR PARRS PARK

Green open spaces, fresh clean streams, high-quality sports fields, a new learning facility open to all citizens of Waitakere City.

This is the future seen for the land surrounding Parris Park and Hoani Waititi Marae by participants in the Council co-ordinated community design process held in June.

With the Marae and Te Whanau o Waipareira sponsoring the development of a tertiary institute/ whare wananga adjacent to Parris Park and the Marae, it was important to consider the entire area to ensure the best possible overall layout for the development.

Local community members were invited to share their vision and voice their concerns in the workshops and meetings which

formed the design process. Preliminary concept plans to address these issues were drafted, discussed with participants and formally presented to a public meeting on June 29. Further refinement of the plans will continue as more public comment is sought.

The proposed plans form part of a request to the Department of Conservation (DOC) for revocation of the portion of reserve land required for development. A decision from DOC is likely in early 1999.

What Now? 1998:

- The initial plans for the tertiary institute/ wananga and Parris Park were presented to the Council in July, with further public consultation to follow.
- Meanwhile, a Reserve Management Plan for Parris Park will be prepared to look at future management and develop-

ment incorporating the significant changes being discussed. This is a statutory process with several opportunities for public participation. Planned upgrades could be incorporated into the 1999/2000 Council work programme.

- The Council also plans to upgrade the Parris Cross/ West Coast Rd traffic roundabout this summer.

Future:

- Hoani Waititi Marae and Te Whanau o Waipareira are developing the building design, course content and funding for the wananga. They are working on establishing a teachers college on Marae land next year, and progressing designs for further development. All buildings will be subject to resource consent processes.



■ Members of the community share their visions and voice their concerns about the land surrounding Parris Park & Hoani Waititi Marae.

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